INSURANCE CO.'S LOSE HEAVILY

Big Amounts Carried on Property Wrecked by Tornadoes.

FIRE QUESTION RAISED

Courts May Be Called Upon to Decide Any Liability.

FIRMS HARD HIT

Majority of Policyholders Had Insisted on Special Tornado Clause.

CHICAGO. March 24.-Tornado losses threaten to be an important factor in Cornell to-day tire underwriting during 1913. The severe losses in the South last week have been followed by the worst storm in recent history in the Western States where an unusually large proportion of tornado insurance is carried.

is not often that tornadoes come so early in the year, the companies expecting them rather during the heated months. There has been a notable falling off in fire insurance losses so far in 1913, but if the tornado losses continue as they have begun they will more than offset any reduction in fire osses for the companies which have been specializing on that class.

The tornado insurance losses in Nebraska and Iowa are expected to be record breaking in number and amount. but the companies are unable to get any information to-day owing to the lack of wire facilities.

The National of Hartford has by far the largest amount of tornado liability in Nebraska, its premiums on that class in 1912 being \$134.012. Most of this was in the country.

The other leading companies in the

tornado line are as follows: American of Newark, \$62,412: The Fidelity-Phonix. \$23.846; St. Paul. \$19,000; Continental, \$18,858; Connecticut. \$14,328; Home. \$13,326, and the Ætna, \$13,657.

The lowa tornado will probably hit the Iowa State fire insurance companies heavily, as most of their clients nsisted on getting a tornado line along with the fire insurance on all farm property. It will also fall with special severity upon the Iowa mutuals, which had also specialized on tornado insurance.

Of the outside companies the Hartford led with \$266,574, followed by the National of Hartford with 0251,625, the with \$220,148, the Continental with \$212,289, the German American with \$160.325, the St. Paul with \$151.-692, the Royal with \$140,572, the Ætna with \$121,955, the North American with \$121,555 and the Springfield with \$119,-Of these the Continental, Home, National and St. Paul probably had the largest proportion of tornado insurance. Many fires were reported from Omaha after the tornado in buildings wrecked the storm and then ignited by stoves or burning gas. This will raise the old question of liability, the policy contract providing that the fire insurance ceases the courts made them pay.

INSURANCE LOSS NOT KNOWN.

Companies Here Have Not Heard From Agents in Storm Region.

Fire insurance companies here said yesterday that as yet they had received no advices from the storm region as to een for this was that most of the concerns having their headquarters in the transact their Western business houses were damaged. through their Chicago offices, and it is customary not to send the reports here after the settlement of the claims from Chicago.

The Home Insurance Company, 56 'edar street, expects reports within two fire department. ness directly with all its branch offices.

RICH FIND IN EASTER PARADE.

Man From Montclair Lowered His from the main city. Eyes to \$3,500 Purse.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., March 24.-Joseph Murphy, clerk in the Montclair District Court while viewing the Easter parade Fifth avenue, New York, yesterday afternoon saw a woman's purse on the sidewalk near Thirty-fifth street. Inside were twenty-six uncut gems and a bunch of yellow backed currency.

been dropped by any of the members a well dressed party that was standing at the curb, and a woman eagerly claimed the find. She told Murphy the gems were worth \$3,500. Murphy declined her offer of a reward.

LEMOYNE WANTED AT REDHOOK.

Accused Bank Swindler Said to Have

Worked in New York State. Boston, March 24.—Some of the mys-ry surrounding the identity of Francis Movne was dispelled this evening when Chief McGarr announced that the decised was known also as Frederick Marks and that for a year prior to No-ember last he lived at Redhook, N. Y., said, he is wanted for the of \$8,900 from a bank there of seventeen bonds, valued at from the Paine-Webber Company. aded not guilty and was put in default of \$25,000 bail. LeMoyne aptured in Jacksonville, Fla.

Wall Falls on Sixteen Firemen. BALTIMORE, March 24.—Fire, which affed about 3 o'clock this morning in nion Abattoir Company's plant, de-d the main structure and the engine and threatened the destruction of ant, one of the largest in the East. firemen were caught beneath a the building, when it crashed on them. All were rescued, but Tal were severely injured. The loss unts to more than \$300,000.

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Fire in the sub-cellar of the building at

Memorial to Prof. Tarr.

ITHACA, March 24.—A memorial window

Tield Club

NEW YORK READY TO HELP.

ALBANY, March 24.-Gov. Sulzer

has volunteered the aid of New York

State to the stricken families in

Omaha, Neb. In a telegram to Mayor

"Through you I extend my

seartfelt sympathy to the stricken

families and to all the sufferers.

If New York can render any aid.

James C. Dahlman he said:

let me know."

Shows No Indication of Change. **Knox Hats**

ANOTHER REACHES TEXAS

Conditions Will Continue to Be Unsettled for Next Two or Three Days.

Washington, March 24 .- The territory of the United States east of the Rocky Mountains which has been torn 343 and 345 Broadway, near Leonard street, did damage estimated at \$7,500 last night to furniture stored there by the Macey-Dohme Company, which occu-pies the ground floor of the building, and gave the firemen a hard two hours job before it was put out. The dense smoke made it necessary for the firemen to work in relays. presented the most extraordinary situto Prof. Ralph S. Tarr, presented by his widow, was unveiled in Sage Chapel at Storms which originated west of the Valley. Rocky Mountains jumped the moun-

Terre Haute and other places.

The Weather Bureau records show that the present spring is most advanced of any in many years. From reports received here the winter in Alaska has been one of the mildest in the recollection of the inhabitants there, and this in February and March.

Warnings will be sent out by the Weather Bureau and other bureaus of the Government here to seagoing vessels to take the most southerly course possible during the next two months, as the unusually warm weather is expected to work loose from their north ern moorings icebergs and ice forma-tions, which will encumber the sea and prove a danger to navigation.

Commenting upon weather conditions Chief Willis L. Moore of the Weather Bureau to-day made the following state. ment, particularly with reference to the storm at Omaha:

"Undoubtedly the great loss of life at Omaha was occasioned by one of a by tornadoes and devastating winds is series of violent local windstorms or likely to continue to be the theatre of tornadoes that occurred over that region more disturbances within the next few on Sunday afternoon in connection with a general storm area of low barometer days, according to reports of the that was central on Sunday morning Weather Bureau. Weather Bureau of- over Colorado. Conditions on Sunday ficials say the last week or ten days has morning were so threatening that this office deemed it necessary to issue ation in regard to the weather that has afternoon and night over the middle existed since the creation of the bureau. plains States and upper Mississippi

Rocky Mountains jumped the mountains and came eastward, and appar- local storm of small diameter and great there was intense stillness and extreme

ROCKING TRAIN RACES baby told me how she had been saved and said she thought it was a miracle. OMAHA STRETCHES

was said to account for the thunder-storms in the middle Atlantic States Passengers See Houses Falling Automobile Company, Lincoln, Neb., also and Succor the Injured at Depot.

WOMAN TELLS THE STORY

Yellow Clouds, Then Silence and Darkness Preceded the Blow, She Says.

CHICAGO, March 24.-Graphic descriptions of the tornado as seen from the windows of a passenger train and detalls of suffering in demolished Nebraska towns were given to-day by passengers on a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger train which arrived in Chicago at noon, four hours The train passed close in the wake of the cyclone from Ralston, Neb. Mrs. Ethel Louise Ritter, who lives at

for her bravery by officials and passengers. Her story is as follows:

2432 North Sawyer avenue, was praised

When the storm swept over her house THROUGH THE STORM she and the baby were in bed. The she and the baby were in bed. The so that they formed a canopy from which she could escape with the baby.

William Coon, president of the Lincoln passenger on the train, witnessed the

"When the wind struck Ralstan Neb., houses collapsed as if made of paper," he said. "The sides flew out and the roofs went sailing. A big threshing machine was standing near one of the houses and when the cloud struck it it went up in the air and was carried about forty rods.

"I also saw a box car lifted into the air and carried about a quarter of a mile and then dropped on the prairie I saw the car split open and six or seven men tumble out. Some of them lay still, while others started to crawl

Another passenger told of the appearance of Omaha as the train drew into the city.

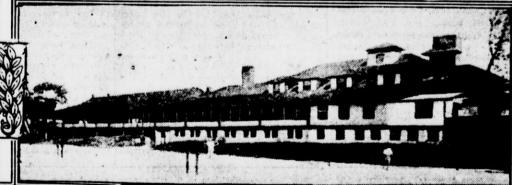
"I had just recovered from what I with the injured," he said. "It was night then—and such a night. The sky acted like mad. To make it worse, it was raining frightfully. The peals of thunder drowned the walls of the terror stricken.

"In the distance we could see a big

hotel burning like a great red lantern.

NOTABLE BUILDINGS IN TORNADO SWEPT NEBRASKA CITY





The Country, Clubs

women in the train were worn out

with terror and excitement. "None of us had any sleep that night. After the train pulled out we had to stop every now and then in order that the debris might be cleared from the rails before the train could go on.

COURT BAN ON 'SILENT TWELVE.' Club May Now Take Name "Talkative Twelve" to Incorporate.

Because the name had a sinister sound Justice Jaycox declined yesterday in the Queens County Supreme Court to sanction the incorporation of "The Silent Twelve," a club with headquarters in Long Island City. Its purpose is said to be to promote social amity. secrecy in providing its members with decline to give it approval."

The club is now considering the advisability of taking the name "Talka-

tive Twelve," in order to incorporate. SCHOOL BOARD HEAD ARRESTED.

Gives Bail to Answer Charge Grand Larceny.

WHITE PLAINS, March 24 .- James J. larceny in the first degree and attempted | Co

avenue and arraigned before County
Judge Platt. He gave bail.

The indictments charge that while he
was secretary of the Bronx Valley Sewer
frain Commission he used drafts of the commission for his own purpose. It is a superson to the comwas provided to the commission for his own purpose. It is a superson to the commission for his own purpose. It is a superson to the comwhere business lives. looking out mission for his own purpose. It is charged where business lives, looking out that one of the drafts, for \$350, was across the river, spread miles of macdraft had gone through the bank Hoyle corner of Eighteenth street and Daven-

also involved in the matter.

Shaw is not now secretary of the Sewer containing examples of old and modera the Board of Education.

Bartow S. Weeks's Chauffeur Slugged city in the world.

to the Lincoln Square garage last night to get the car in order to take his employer home from the Lincoln Square Theatre. As he entered the garage he Crook is six miles to the south. was broken with a blackjack. Eldridge yelled and Policeman Sullivan of the West Sixty-eighth street station went to his aid. The three men ran, but two of them stopped when Sullivan fired a shot in the property of the New air. They are John Sherlock, 20 years is alleged that threats were made by old. of 450 West Fifty-eighth street, and striking linemen to injure the overhead

24 SQUARE MILES

Largest Town in Nebraska: Proud of Homes and Industries.

FIRST SETTLED IN 1854

The Gate City" Was the Outfitting Point for Travel to Far West.

Omaha, "the Gate City," largest in Nebraska, is a typical plains town proud of its industry and its climb on the census list. It stands eighty feet above the Missouri on the west bank had seen when we pulled into Omaha of that river opposite Council Bluffs, For twenty-four square miles stretch its many churches, educational was lighted with a great red glare and institutions and large manufacturing the streets were filled with people who plants with the pleasant residential section above.

On the site of the present city Lewis and Clark in 1804 held council with the Indians. There were a trading station and stockade at the place in 1825 presided over by pioneer J. B. Royce. The first permanent settlement was made there in 1854. A tribe of Dakota Indians that lived in the region gave the city its name.

When the Union Pacific Railroad was tretching steel hands westward in 1864 Omaha was the most northerly outfitting point for overland wagon trains to the far West. At that time it took its name of "Gate City" and then its sudien growth began. Because of its location it soon began

to draw industries. Packing cattle, hogs and sheep is one of its leading inlustries to-day. So extensive is this ousiness that it ranks third among cities of the United States in packing. Silver smelting, distilling and brewing are some of the other pursuits that keep its citizens busy.

The American Smelting and Refining Company has a big plant there. There also are large machine shops for the manufacture of gasolene engines and steam engines. Its citizens tell you of their prowess in the jobbing business, in the boot and shoe business, in flouring mills, carriages, rubber and rubber clothing and hardware. They point with pride to the bank clearings, which amount to more than \$500,000,000 a year.

One of the first things that you are taken to see in Omaha is its \$500,000 city hall. Then you look at the Auditorium, a vast convention hall where business men from all over the State sit in council. On the platform of the Burlington Railway station a guide tells you that here come trains from the South and East and that Omaha is practically the eastern terminus of the Union Pacific.

On the electric cars or in your host's utomobile, for nearly everybody in the city has a car of some sort, you skirt "It's name indicates a necessity for the huge stockyards, scorning the "Seeing Omalia" buses, and catch a hasty entertainment," said the court, "and I glimpse of many handsome churches, Roman Catholic and Episcopal cathedrals standing out particularly. You watch the young men leaving the halls of the city university and Creighton University, you learn that besides these Omaha has the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Brownell Hall, St. Catherine's Academy, the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, the Omaha Medical College and the Creighton Medical College. The Court House, the grand larceny in the first degree, was arrested to-day at his home at 56 Waller your eye. The Public Library, with its

A draft for \$2,645 and one for \$155 are art collection of George W. Lininger, but he is still president of masters. There are several large parks to be seen. Residents of Omaha will tell you that theirs is the healthiest

Roy Eldridge of 23 West Eighty-fourth
Just north of the city is Fort Omaha
reet, chauffeur for Bartow S. Weeks,
with its signal service, balloon and wire-Just north of the city is Fort Omaha. less experimental stations of the United Crook is six miles to the south.

STAMPORD, Conn., March 24 .- Many railproperty of the New Haven railroad. It is alleged that threats were made by John Fennicks, 20 years old, of 25 West electrical system. The men demand higher

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The Pavilion at Riverview, Park Photos by Un derwood & Underwood

INDIANA FLOODED; RAIN STILL FALLING

Many People Driven From Homes-Damage Is Several Million Dollars.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 24. Indianapolis windstorms and did great damage, and northern Indiana suffered a loss of several million dollars in the last f the building or any part thereof falls twenty-four hours, mostly due to rains except as a result of fire. The companies which have carried away bridges. hoped to rely on this clause at the time stopped railroad and interurban traffic, f the San Francisco earthquake, but flooded store basements, driven people along river bottoms from their homes and washed away houses. At Hartford City there are seven feet of water in West Sunday has passed rapidly down

heavy losers from flooded basements. Portland water is standing three feet deep in the centre of the city and the loss to merchants from damage to goods in basements will reach \$100,000. At South Bend a storm wrecked to-day what their losses were. The main rea- the lumber yard and mill of the John E. Donahue Company. A residence close by was blown to the ground and other

> The wind, which followed heavy rain. cut a path several hundred feet wide. Ohio the Sandusky River was also One-third of the city of Elmwood is bank full and rising. inundated and hundreds of families have been rescued from their houses by the prevail in the Eastern. Southern and have been forced from their

At Kokomo the light, heat, power, gas severe for the season, covers the Northand water plants are out of commission. western States. The weather will con-The river is still rising. The city is tinue unsettled with extensive precipinow without fire protection, South Ko- tation over the greater portion of the komo, with 6,000 inhabitants, is cut off country for the next two or three days.

The worst flood known in Wabash Southern States with shifting gales and since 1883 is being experienced to-night squalls in the interior, and the temand rain is still falling. Hundreds of perature will be high in the East and residents of the lowlands have aband- | South and cold in the Northwest. Storm oned their homes. Interurban traffic is warnings are displayed on the Pacific paralyzed and the track of the Fort coast from Les Angeles to San Diego. Wayne and Northern Indiana traction lines is under fifteen feet of water.

Was Having One of Her Usual Rides in Mail Carrier's Wagon.

when an automobile crashed into the wagon of Mail Carrier James Taylor, who was accustomed to take the child up with him each day when he stopped at her home. She was just seated when a ma-Peter Small, a garage chine driven by demolished !t.

Lillian's head was crushed and Taylor

and Ernest Tatum, who was riding with him, were badly hurt. The automobile went

ARRESTED AS WIFE SLAYER. Mrs. Geracci's Body Was Carried Off in a Trunk.

Geracci's daughter are not known.

forecast:

"The remarkable development and movement of severe storms across the country in the past week show no indication of change. The storm which caused severe and shifting gales and damaged local storms in the middle the paper mills and the merchants are the St. Lawrence Valley, while still another disturbance is following rapidly in its wake, it having already reached As a consequence weather condtions are much unsettled and precipitation widespread with heavy rainfall in the central valleys and severe squalls in localities.

"Owing to heavy rains the Illinois River was above flood stage Monday for its entire length.

"While abnormally high temperatures central sections, a cold wave, unusually Heavy rains will occur in central and

coast will be brisk to high, shifting and business is at a standstill. Mr. Murphy asked if the purse had CHILD KILLED IN AUTO CRASH. Coast, brisk south; on the Gulf running any trains into the city. east, brisk south with squalls; on Lake Michigan, brisk high north. Steamers to-day to the record height. departing Tuesday for European ports

> last ten days. The storms in crossing River flooded Lima. the country have taken generally a the tail of the one that brought the and scattering it over the fields. ther trouble. The weather sharps can- filling cellars.

not tell where this one may "burst. Storms originating on the Pacific Salvatore Geracci, whose wife was murdered in their rooms at 315 East Fortieth street more than four months ago, was arrested yesterday in Buffalo and will be stirred up so much trouble recently have arrested yesterday in Bullian and the brought to New York to-day.

Mrs. Geracel's body was found in a mill tains. from there distributing thempond at Georgetown, Conn. The police found that it had been taken from New rection. succeeded in getting over the moun-

found that it had been taken from New York in a trunk. Seeking for a motive for the crime the detectives suspected that Geracel, who had disappeared, might have wished to get his wife out of the way so that he could force his daughter storms seem to have arisen in the storms seem to have arisen in the southwest, vented their fury on land southwest, vented their fury on land following the administration of morphine by Dr. William G. Denelsbeck.

He repudiated the confession soon after the repudiated the rep Gluseppe Lombardi, who roomed with the Geraccis, was arrested in Italy and and gone northeast out into the Atlantic Ocean. The Weather Bureau has predicted the storms that have caused by arded with the Geracci family, and of Geracci's daughter are not known.

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Southwest, vented their fury on land and introduced the predicted from the called from got inside the cave their lives. Their been swept away.

Geracci's daughter are not known.

ently after they had spent their force left tails behind that developed into windstorms and did great damage.

intensity, not often being more than a humidity. Yellow clouds shrouded the few hundred yards in diameter, nor horizon. I have lived in cyclone countrivations and did great damage. At 11 o'clock to-night the Weather than fifty miles in length. The winds, length of the passengers there was going to the following and the fifty miles in length. The winds, the following is said to the following and the office of the Owner of the Owne ver, in such whirls have been esti- be a cyclone, but they did not take mated to exceed 200 miles an hour. The much stock in my predictions. general storm that caused these violent

> Lawrence Valley." big storm of countrywide area always came down, accompanied with hailtakes the path of least resistance stones as large as duck eggs. such as a range of mountains. As a greatly excited and some cried and result it becomes divided and small dishricked. It wast on that on that after the commission, and that after the result it becomes divided and small dishricked. It wast on that on the commission, and that after the result is the commission, and that after the result is the commission. result it becomes divided and small di- shricked. It went on that way for a visions may cause trouble, as in Omaha long time. and other places.

FLOOD IMPERILS OHIO. Schools and Mills Closed Two

Trains From New York Halted. CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 24.-Following a heavy two days rain many parts of Ohio are menaced by floods. Many no means of despatching in either direcmills are closed, hundreds of persons

travel has been demoralized. While the property loss so far is not heavy it is feared that unless the rain stops soon conditions will become very

With the Sandusky River rising with alarming rapidity, flood warnings have been flashed to Fremont and the lowlands north of Tiffin. A part of Mechanicsburg, a riverside suburb, is un-

der water Findlay has a bad flood. Hundreds of families have been made homeless. gang men were the first to board the "The winds along the New England More than a dozen streets are inundated observation car. They were dirty and west; on the middle Atlantic Toledo and Ohio Central, the Big Four and the C. H. and D railroads are not

The Maumee River rose twelve feet HEMPSTEAD, L. I., March 24.—Lillian will have brisk west winds with terrific wind storm have sent the Marion ost. 7 years old, was killed to-night showery weather to the Grand Banks." county streams plunging over their with terrific wind storm have sent the Marion The Weather Bureau attributes these banks. Last night the situation at remarkable conditions to the unusual Larue was extremely serious. The pub-

and low temperature have extended | Five hundred persons were homeless Westbury, hit the wagon and from the Northwestern States into and many had narrow escapes from Alaska and this has persisted for the drowning early to-day when the Ottawa A tornado struck the farm of L. G.

on and brought up against a telegraph northeastern course. There have ben Smith, three miles east of Springfield, three of them within the last week, and yesterday afternoon, destroying his barr Omaha twirler is still lingering over the residence was unroofed. The only dam-Western plateau and threatening fur- age in Springfield is caused by rain and praying over the supposed loss of Two New York to Chicago trains on

> DENIES CONFESSION; FREED. Atzenhofer Told of Killing Under Drug's Influence.

the Erie are floodbound at Kent.

"Suddenly after the heat grew aldisturbances is now over the most unbearable a terrific gale begreat lakes and moving down the St. gan to blow, which rocked the passen-Weather Bureau experts say that a black everywhere. A torrent of rain

> We could not see outside said his name the car windows, and great hallstones beat continually against the panes. "Before we reached Ralston, which is seven miles out of Omaha, the storm quieted down and the train was able to run fast. The station agent ran down the tracks to warn our train and flagged it with his handkerchief. His ticket office had been swept away and he had

tion. "It was light again then and all along schools are closed and trolley and train the tracks were splintered telegraph was attacked by three men and his poles, demolished fences, boards, planks and other debris

> "Up on the hills we could see demolished houses and barns. Up the tracks in front of us crushed box cars had been set across the tracks "Our train had no sooner halted than

we could see men and women straggling Sixty-fourth street. toward the tracks, moaning and weeping. It was the most pitiful sight I have ever witnessed. Some section ragged and blood streamed from their faces and hands.

"At first the passengers were so frightened they could hardly move. asked some of the men to help me, and told them to tear up bed sheets to make Incessant rains following Friday's bandages. I got some medical things out of my grip and led several of the wounded men to the lavatory, where I washed their hands and faces clean

and bound up their wounds "Soon every one in the car was taking care of the injured, and the berths and seats were made into an improvised "Old women and children frightened

half to death and some injured got

aboard later. Mothers who had los

their children or thought they had screamed as though mad. "I shall always remember one scene A mother and father had been crying their two children when the two-a boy and a girl-came limping toward the They hugged and kissed each train.

other and wept on one another's shoul-

ders. Throughout the car men and women cried out how they had lost everything they had in the world. One woman wanted to die. She said she could not find her baby and her house had been blown away. "One family of seven was aboard, and

the daughter told me how everything her parents owned had been lost. Sh said they all started to run for a cyclone cellar, when two women friends from Omaha called from a cave and they all got inside the cave just in time to save their lives. Their house and cattle had

"A mother nursing a four-days-old

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